

## ENGLAND AND VENEZUELA.

### BRITONS A LITTLE SATISFIED ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.

The Diplomatic Note Printed Here May Explain Our "Kin Beyond the Sea."—British Land Titles That Date Back Fifty Years, It Is Said, Are Not to Be Questioned—A Talk with the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—Lord Salisbury's announcement of the terms of the Venezuelan arbitration requires an explanation. The first and most common interpretation put upon it by the English press is that the actual drawing of the boundary by the arbitrators will be governed by the private property rights of the settlers. In other words, that no bona fide British settler shall be transferred to Venezuelan jurisdiction, and vice versa. This plan at first glance seems absurd, for it might easily happen that a group of British settlers here or there would be left stranded, like an island surrounded by Venezuelan territory, or a Venezuelan settler would find himself cut off from connection with his own country, but still under his own flag.

Another interpretation of Lord Salisbury's words is that he is to be drawn strictly according to the merits of the claims of the respective countries, each side binding itself to respect existing private property rights in the territory awarded to it. This restriction would, of course, be eminently practicable and just, and it would safeguard all individual rights in the territory under dispute.

I endeavored to obtain an authoritative statement on the disputed point at the Foreign Office this afternoon. In reply to my inquiry whether the arbitrators would be restricted in defining the boundary by the rights of the settlers, Sir Thomas Sanderson, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said:

"I cannot give you the exact terms of the agreement. You will have to wait until they have been finally determined, when they will be officially announced, probably very soon. I do not believe, however, that there is any difficulty about it, as you suggest in the shape of possible islands of British property in Venezuelan territory."

"If you look at the map you will see there has been no mixing up of the British and Venezuelan settlements. The British have advanced from one direction and the Venezuelans from the other. But there is still territory between." The time limit which would settle the validity of the settlers' claims is variously estimated by the London newspapers at twenty-one, thirty, and fifty years, but in each case based on the date of the settlement of the territory. All dealing with questions having nothing whatever to do with the merits of national claims to the territory in dispute.

By the United Press.  
Mr. John Morley, formerly Chief Secretary for Ireland, spoke to-night at Montrose, Scotland, which district he represents in the House of Commons. He expressed approval of Lord Salisbury's statement at the Lord Mayor's banquet last night regarding the practical settlement of the Venezuelan question.

He said he did not believe there was any insuperable obstacle to the settlement of the Venezuelan question, and that the one relative to permanent arbitration, between Great Britain and the United States, this statement was greeted with cheers by the audience.

Continuing, Mr. Morley said he trusted that the two nations which were far ahead of the great military monarchies in a thousand other respects had set them in this matter a splendid and beneficent example.

### THE SETTLED DISTRICTS.

How Olney and Salisbury Arrived at the Fifty-Year Limit.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Every indication points to the fact that in the next fifteen or twenty days Sir Julian Pauncefote and Secretary Olney, plenipotentiaries appointed by their Governments, will be able to sign here in Washington the protocol of a proposed treaty which will include within its provisions a decision of arbitrating the boundary dispute between Venezuela and British Guiana.

The exact terms of this important convention are not yet definitely settled—far less signed. On the contrary, verbal changes are continually being suggested and agreed upon, or modified by cable messages between the plenipotentiaries and the British Foreign Office. But that the essential basis of the treaty has been agreed upon is made clear in the evidence which Secretary Olney felt justified in taking public after Lord Salisbury's speech at the Mansion House last night. The basis agreed on is that in the "settled districts" a term of fifty years of undisturbed residence shall be regarded as giving the right to possession.

It may take some days more to arrange details as to the time and place of the meeting of the tribunal, the selection of the arbitrators, but there is every reason to believe that the President will be able to announce to Congress in December the signing of the preliminary protocol and to submit it to the Senate for ratification. That this is a strong probability is made clear by the announcement, authorized by the Venezuelan Commission, that the President will suspend the preparation of its report for the present, but will proceed with the compilation of the important data it has collected.

Two letters exchanged by the United States and Great Britain regarding the Venezuela affair after the presentation of Mr. Olney's counterproposal of June 12, were given to the press at the State Department this afternoon. In a despatch of May 22, 1896, Lord Salisbury had proposed an evenly divided Commission to report upon the settled districts, outside of the so-called settled districts, and Secretary Olney had suggested the provision quoted heretofore in these despatches for a commission of unequal numbers. The next despatch was from Lord Salisbury to Sir Julian Pauncefote, and was as follows:

"FOREIGN OFFICE, July 3, 1896.  
"SIR: I have to acknowledge your Excellency's despatch of June 15, enclosing a note from Mr. Olney, in which he explains the reasons that induce the Government of the United States to withhold their consent from the proposal with respect to the Venezuela frontier contained in my despatch of the 23d May."

"The arguments by which Mr. Olney supports this view will receive the careful consideration of her Majesty's Government. I am not now writing to you for the purpose of dissuading them. My object in addressing your Excellency is to point out that in a matter of some importance Mr. Olney—owing, doubtless, to the inadequacy of my own explanation—has misapprehended the purport of the proposal which I had the honor to make to him. He states that 'it appears to be a fundamental condition that the boundary line decided to be the true one by the arbitrators shall not operate upon territory bona fide occupied by a British subject—shall be defeated in every such case so as to make such territory part of British Guiana.' This was not the intention of my proposal, and I am anxious that your Excellency should be made aware of it. I only allude to this construction, which the tribunal should not have power to include such districts as the territory of Venezuela, but I did not propose that they should necessarily be assumed without further proof to be part of British Guiana. I only suggested that the ownership of them was not to be decided by the tribunal, which in our judgment was inadequate for this purpose, though it was adequate for the assignment of the unsettled districts."

## FEASTING WITH MR. HANNA.

### HE TELLS CAMPAIGN SECRETS AT THE REPUBLICAN CLUB.

"Vote for McKinley," the Word Passed by the National Democracy at the Flatbush—Gen. Porter's Foremost of an Extra Session's Work—A Lunch with Business Men, and Calls at Mr. Platt's Office.

Chairman Mark A. Hanna of the Republican National Committee is to leave New York for Canton this evening at 6 o'clock. He will be accompanied by a number of talks with President-elect McKinley, and in about three weeks will be back in New York again. He has had many talks with business men, financiers, and politicians. Those with whom he has talked say that it is apparent that Mr. Hanna and his friends will have no stone unturned to make the McKinley Administration a success, because the interests of the country demand that the Administration shall be a success in order to avoid a repetition of the free-silver anarchistic campaign in 1900. On Monday morning the Hon. Thomas C. Platt called on the Hon. Mr. Hanna at the Waldorf Hotel. Mr. Hanna was not in at the time, and yesterday afternoon Mr. Hanna called on Mr. Platt at his office, 40 Broadway.

Mr. Platt was in Philadelphia. But the Hon. Louis F. Payn was at Mr. Platt's office when Mr. Hanna called. The two men were dressed in evening dress. "Ah, Mr. Payn, I remember you at St. Louis," quizzically said Mr. Hanna.

"And I have a faint recollection," replied Mr. Payn, "that I remember you at St. Louis, Mr. Hanna."

"Excuse me," said Mr. Hanna, "but that was a long time ago."

"I want to congratulate you from my heart on your wonderful success, Mr. Hanna," rejoined Mr. Payn, "and to assure you that all Republicans are with you. You are a great general." "Thank you, Mr. Payn," replied Mr. Hanna; "but too much credit should not be given to me. You know that there was a great army of men who believed in their country, and it is not right that the credit should be taken from them and given to the general, as you call me. Besides, Mr. Payn, you are a general yourself. You have a limited way, as you say, in a limited way," replied Mr. Payn, "and I raise my hat to you as the great general of all the States."

At this Mr. Payn lifted the new hat he had won on McKinley's election, and Mr. Hanna and Mr. Payn shook hands and said good-by.

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